

2011 - 2012 Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: FAS-Business Permit and Licensing Review

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The Council requests that the Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) identify and categorize all City-issued licenses and permits required to open and operate a business in Seattle. This review should be done in collaboration with the Office of Economic Development and departments with regulatory authority over business activities including, but not limited to, the Department of Planning and Development, the Seattle Department of Transportation, the Seattle Fire Department, and Seattle Public Utilities. This review should address all business types that could locate in Seattle. However, results may be aggregated by North American Industry Classification System grouping or similar subdivision. FAS is also requested to work with departments to analyze the original purpose of each license and permit requirement and analyze whether the license or permit continues to achieve its intended purpose.

Once completed, FAS is requested to provide a written report by August 1, 2011 that includes the review data, identifies any opportunities for consolidation or change of licensing and permitting requirements, and establishes a scope for analyzing the feasibility of developing a Master Licensing system (one stop license and permit service) that the City would implement including what staff resources would be needed to do the analysis and a timeline for the analysis.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Finance and Budget; Regional Development & Sustainability

Date Due to Council: August 1, 2011